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City of Scottsdale PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

5:15 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2010
City Hall Kiva
3939 Drinkwater Boulevard, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Present: Jeanne Alspaugh, Madam Chair
James Duchene, Vice Chair
John Faramelli, Commissioner
Ron King, Commissioner
Stan Koczka, Commissioner
Harry Schlegelmilch, Commissioner

Absent: Robert Frost, Commissioner

Staff: Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Commissioner
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager
Don Davis, Parks and Recreation Manager
Hugh McGill, Parks and Recreation Manager
Scott Anderson, Recreation Coordinator
Erin McKallor-Quill, Recreation Coordinator
Sunny Nakagawa, Recreation Coordinator
Melissa Berkland, Recreation Leader II
Jason Waldron, Stadium Coordinator
Michael Ruggiero, Technology Specialist
Lorelei Oien, Administrative Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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Madam Chair Alspaugh called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the City Hall Kiva.

2. ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed Commission members present as stated above.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Regular Meeting April 7, 2010

Commissioner Faramelli requested, as regarding the abbreviation of the minutes, that some things had been left out and requested that there be more specificity in the minutes. Ms. Cameron stated that she would work with staff to capture the intent of the conversations to more successfully meet the needs of the Commission.

Commissioner Faramelli stated that he had requested revenue information regarding Club SAR at the April 7, 2010, meeting and requested that the minutes be amended to include that information. Ms. Cameron responded that there were a number of outstanding questions from the April 7th meeting and that staff have prepared responses that will have to be agendaized and shared with the Commission, and can be entered into the minutes after they are presented to the Commission. The question itself that Commissioner Faramelli raised can be entered into the April 7th meeting minutes.

Commissioner Faramelli expressed his concern that if this particular item was omitted from the minutes, what else might have been excluded.

Commissioner Koczka requested the minutes be corrected to include that an active discussion took place of ways of confirming/verifying residencies. Commissioner Koczka also requested a correction to his vote on Item 8 of the April 7th meeting to a “nay” vote based on the condition that he had questions regarding the timing of the sponsorship agreement having to go back to the task force, and then bringing it back to the Commission.

Commissioner Schlegelmilch commented that Ms. Weir explained that the tennis lessons actually get paid for by those who are receiving the lessons 100%, so we get full cost recovery on the tennis lessons, not zero cost recovery.

Commissioner Koczka commented that he listened to the audio version of the meeting and it is available and it can be verifiable and we need to make some continual technical advancements and he's sure we will and it will be a benefit for all.

Madam Chair Alspaugh commented that when the meetings are offsite, the microphones are very sensitive to every sound and suggested they try to be sensitive to that fact when they're shuffling papers and moving chairs and understand that everything that is being said is being captured.

Motion by Commissioner Schlegelmilch to approve the regular meeting minutes from the April 7, 2010, meeting with corrections; second by Vice Chair Duchene.

Motion approved by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

5. MOUNTAIN VIEW'S AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, YOUTH CORPS, MEMORIAL, HELPING HANDS UPDATES

Sunny Nakagawa, Recreation Coordinator, Erin McKallor-Quill, Recreation Coordinator, and Melissa Berkland, Recreation Coordinator, provided an update for Mountain View Park and Community Center as follows: Recreation budget - \$413,917 annually; maintenance budget - \$138,400 annually; 12,000 square foot community center with two large multi-purpose rooms, a performing stage, indoor basketball court and kitchen. The park is 20 acres with a lighted outdoor full size basketball court, two lighted tennis courts, 2 picnic areas, a sand volleyball court, lighted softball field, three soccer fields, playground, and 12 station fitness trail.

For the school year 2009-2010, there were 134 registered participants in the after school program. Mtn. View received a fitness and nutrition grant which was used for fitness activities and nutritional classes.

Summer programs are two week sessions from June – August at Cochise Elementary School for the 1st to 5th grad at Mtn. View Park for 6th to 8th grade.

The Youth Corps Volunteer Program provided over 15,000 volunteer hours at a saving to the city of \$105,000 with 201 teens participating. The World Changers Service Projects involved 45 team members completing 29 service projects. The Helping Hands Volunteer Program has 12 volunteers participating regularly with special events, projects, leisure education classes and youth sports programs.

Commissioner Schlegelmilch inquired as to the nature of the Youth Corps Volunteer Program and the World Changers Service Projects. Ms. Nakagawa replied the volunteers work with the elderly at assisted living centers, with the boys and girls clubs, Vista del Camino, Paiute Neighborhood Center, and that some projects are city related and some are done throughout different areas throughout Scottsdale.

Commissioner Koczka inquired about the average age of the Youth Corps Volunteers. Ms. McKallor-Quill responded that the majority are 11 to 13 years of age.

Vice Chair Duchene raised the concern that in this budgetary time we may be overly lean and inquired if there was anything that was not getting done that the commission needed to be concerned about. Ms. McKallor-Quill responded that the commission has been very supportive of their program and appreciated the commission's continued support.

Vice Chair Duchene inquired if 134 was the max capacity for the after school program or could more be taken. Ms. McKallor-Quill responded that they maintained a ratio of 1:17 to 1:20 and have a waitlist at the beginning of each school year. With Mtn. View's 4 staff members, they can take up to 80 kids a day.

Vice Chair Duchene inquired in there was a way to share youth volunteers (i.e., from churches, schools, the city). Ms. McKallor-Quill responded that it was a great idea; with liability issues, the youth volunteers, because they are minors, work alongside city employees, but thought this could be looked into with our adult volunteers.

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Commissioner King inquired about the difference between Fitness Frenzy and the fitness classes. Ms. McKallor-Quill responded that Fitness Frenzy was just a fun way to get the kids excited about exercise.

6. SPRING TRAINING 2010 UPDATE

Jason Waldron, Stadium Coordinator gave the 2010 Giants Spring Training recap for Scottsdale Stadium and the Indian School Minor League complex, including general and field maintenance. 65 players from the San Francisco Giants Major League practiced from February 14th through March 2nd. The Spring Training season was from March 3rd through March 31st. There were 9 sellouts and were first in the Cactus League in attendance, bringing an estimated \$18 – 20 million to the City of Scottsdale.

Vice Chair Duchene inquired about the impact of the spring training facility being built on the Reservation. Mr. Waldron responded that the Stadium will be doing more marketing, working with the CBB, doing more promotions and give aways, and are currently developing a plan so that they remain one of the top attendances in the Cactus League.

Vice Chair Duchene requested having next year's spring training schedule early enough to plan a day for the Parks and Recreation Commission to attend a game. Mr. Waldron agreed to get it to the commission as soon as it was available.

Commissioner Faramelli inquired as to whether or not there were a significant number of dates when the Stadium is not being utilized off season. Mr. Waldron responded that the Stadium is host to approximately 120 games and 30-40 special events throughout the year.

Commissioner Schlegelmilch would like staff to look at how to take advantage of the people who will be coming in to the new stadium being built on the Reservation.

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT FOR THE URBAN FISHING PROGRAM AT CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE

Scott Anderson, Recreation Coordinator, provided the background of the 27 year agreement between Arizona Game and Fish (AGF) and the City of Scottsdale. AGF provides information and education programs, monitors public compliance for licenses and limits, stock Chaparral Park Lake with trout, catfish and sunfish (approximately 36,000 fish a year), monitor water quality and habitat, addresses issues with health and quality of fish, provides restock if needed, and partners for community events such as the annual Chaparral Park Fishing Derby. Funds are budgeted annually in the Parks and Recreation Division's operating budget. Years 1 and 2 (FY 2010 and FY 2011), but amount would remain as it currently is - \$9,400; in years 3 and 4 (FY 2012 and FY 2013) the payments would increase 5% annually - \$9,900. Authorization for these funds is contingent on approval of the Parks and Recreation Division's annual operating budget.

Commissioner Koczka commented that perhaps some of the fishermen could contribute to the stocking fee.

Commissioner King commented that \$3 a fish was a good deal for the city.

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Commissioner Faramelli made a motion to renew the agreement with Arizona Game and Fish for the Urban Fishing Program at Chaparral Lake and would like to recommend it to City Council for approval; second by Vice Chair Duchene.

Motion approved by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

8. COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Koczka:

Attended a budget review meeting when Community Services made its budget presentation

Attended the Pinnacle Peak Volunteer Appreciation dinner

Chair Alspaugh:

Attended the Pinnacle Peak Volunteer Appreciation dinner.

Requested agendaizing a budget update before the Commission breaks for the summer.

Attended the Entertainment Extravaganza put on by the Senior Center and McDowell

Village Retirement Community.

Attended the Mayor's Youth Council's Simulated City Council Meeting

Attended Adapted Recreation's Bobcat Recognition Dinner

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

April Pool's Day – April 24 at Eldorado Pool

Free Sunday Evening Concerts - May 2 – July 4 at McCormick Stillman Railroad Park

Movie in the Park – April 24 at Scottsdale Ranch Park

April 24 – Arbor Day Event – Chaparral Park

April 24 – Lucky Ducky Derby - Waterfront

May 1 – Swim Lesson Assessment – McDowell Mtn. Ranch Park

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei Oien
Administrative Secretary

Meets established criteria,
Janice M. Cameron
Director, Parks and Recreation

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